

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

KEN KUEHNL

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth Kuehn, the retiring Wisconsin state adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He is retiring after serving as department adjutant and chief operating officer for the past 11 years.

Ken began his service in 2005 and served as department commander from 1996–1997. He has been a member of Kenosha Chapter 20 of DAV for 34 years. Ken is a Vietnam War veteran whose service started in April of 1971.

Mr. Speaker, Ken has served his fellow veterans for decades with dignity. He is a strong advocate for his cause, and he works tirelessly on behalf of those who served before, alongside, and after him. Ken put his heart and soul into his work to serve his brothers and sisters in arms. I want to personally wish Ken and his wife Lynn all the best, both now and in the future.

HELPING HOSPITALS IMPROVE
PATIENT CARE ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the staff who helped make the Helping Hospitals Improve Patient Care Act possible.

First, I would like to thank the Democratic staff: Amy Hall, Sarah Levin, Melanie Egorin, Daniel Foster, JC Cannon, and Daniel Jackson. And on the Republican side: Emily Murry, Lisa Grabert, Nick Uehlecke, and Taylor Trott.

I would also like to thank the staff at CMS: Ira Burney, Anne Scott, Lisa Yen.

And the staff at the House Office of Legislative Counsel: Ed Grossman—Ed has been there for as long as I have been here, so any bill that gets out of here without Ed looking at it is a pretty rare bill—and Jessica Shapiro, who was instrumental in drafting this legislation and for years has taken a leading role in drafting countless other Medicare bills in the House.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the Congressional Budget Office who worked on this bill: Tom Bradley, Lori Housman, Kevin McNellis, and Jamease Kowalczyk.

We appreciate their hard work.

SUPPORTING GOAL OF ENSURING
ALL HOLOCAUST VICTIMS LIVE
WITH DIGNITY, COMFORT, AND
SECURITY

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution, which urges the German government to ensure that Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. Today there are approximately 500,000 Holocaust survivors living around the world. Within the next decade, it is estimated at least 50 percent of them will pass away. The 300 welfare agencies serving Holocaust victims worldwide desperately need support to help the most isolated, disabled, and vulnerable survivors receive critical services.

A Holocaust survivor in South Florida, who is 95 and a widow, sadly illustrates this need. He survived a Hungarian forced labor battalion and two concentration camps, Mauthausen and Günskirchen. He now requires assistance with everyday activities including bathing, dressing, and meal preparation. He receives a total of 32 hours a week of home care funded by the Claims Conference and the U.S. government. He has unmet needs of 50 hours per week and would greatly benefit from increased funding from the German Government.

I urge support for this critical resolution to allow Holocaust survivors to live their remaining years with dignity.

CELEBRATING ERIKA VOYZEY AS
A THREE-TIME HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Erika Voyzey, an exceptional high school track & field athlete from Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Erika has been a track and field athlete to watch since 2013, when she competed in the PIAA state championship as a freshman. She managed to finish 11th, jumping 5'2", but this was only the beginning of her illustrious career.

The next year, she returned to the PIAA state championship as a sophomore and secured her first state championship with a jump of 5'7". And the next year, she returned as a junior to beat her personal best and become

the first female athlete from Tyrone to win two state championships, with a jump of 5'8".

Well Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that Erika raised the bar yet again, this year taking first place as a senior, and achieving an outstanding 5'10" jump earlier in the season. With this milestone, she tied the PIAA record that has been held since 1979 and became the only three-time PIAA state champion in Tyrone Area High School's history.

Perhaps Erika's most impressive aspect, though, is that she never neglected her education in pursuit of her passion. This past week, Erika graduated from Tyrone Area High School where she was the salutatorian. Starting this year, Erika will attend the University of Miami, where she will be a student athlete. Erika will double major in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, as well as competing on the track team.

Today I am honored to recognize Erika Voyzey's tremendous achievements, and I look forward to her future accomplishments. I have no doubt that she will continue doing what she has always done—raise the bar and clear new heights, both athletically and academically.

SALT FORK GIRLS TRACK TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding success of the Salt Fork Girls Track Team.

The Salt Fork Storm posted 52 points to give the school its first ever Class 1A girls track state title on Saturday, May 21. Leading the way were Jenny Kimbro, Abby Nicholson, and Katie Witte. Kimbro won the long jump, the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles, and finished third in the 200-meter dash, Nicholson took fourth in the shot put and sixth in the discus, while Witte took fifth in the discus. Their efforts were enough to bring the title home to Salt Fork.

I would like to congratulate girls athletic director Jason Baccaduttre and head coach Gail Biggerstaff, who worked hard to help Salt Fork achieve this victory.

Kimbro will move on this fall to the University of Iowa, where she will continue her hurdling career, while Nicholson will go on to shot put for Eastern Illinois University. I wish them success as they continue their track and field careers.

And I look forward to the continued success of the Salt Fork girls track team, and I extend my best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

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RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF MIKE GRAYUM TO THE NORTHWEST INDIAN FISHERIES COMMISSION AND THE PUGET SOUND REGION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Grayum, who will retire this year after 11 years as the Executive Director of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) in Washington State. Mike is one of NWIFC's original employees and has served in various positions with the Commission since 1976.

NWIFC is stronger, more unified, and better positioned to serve its member Tribes because of Mike's service and leadership. Born out of the Boldt Decision over 40 years ago, NWIFC has been a critical voice in natural resource policy at the local, state, and federal levels. Mike has played an integral role in developing that voice and crafting policies to support NWIFC's mission and help navigate often-challenging issues.

In addition to assisting member Tribes in their resource management practices, Mike partnered with past NWIFC Chair Billy Frank Jr. and Current Chair Lorraine Loomis in educating elected officials, government agency staff, and the public at-large on Tribal Treaty Rights, including producing the vital document Treaty Rights at Risk. Mike has played an important role in protecting these sacred cultural practices and joined countless Tribal Leaders from around the region in highlighting their importance to past, present, and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, for the past four decades, Mike Grayum has fiercely advocated for policies to protect our environment, restore natural habitat for salmon and other species, and recover Puget Sound. He has undoubtedly served as a mentor to younger staff at NWIFC and member Tribes and has helped grow the next generation of stewards of our environment and protectors of Tribal Treaty Rights. Thankfully, NWIFC is blessed to have Justin Parker continue that tradition and lead these efforts in the future as the next Executive Director.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join Tribal Leaders, environmental advocates, local elected officials, and salmon lovers from throughout the Pacific Northwest in expressing my gratitude today in the United States Congress for Mike Grayum's 40 years of leadership and dedication. As the proud Representative of Washington's 6th Congressional District in the House of Representatives, I offer my best wishes for a happy retirement.

2016 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS FROM THE 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the 2016 Service Academy

appointees from the 27th Congressional District of Texas.

The following outstanding young men and women have accepted academy appointments:

Joshua Aaron Agosto, Burkburnett High School, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Lucas Antonio Beltran, Richard King High School, United States Naval Academy; Roberto Esai Cervantes, Calallen High School, New Mexico Military Institute, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Julian Eduardo Flores, St. Stephens's Episcopal School, United States Air Force Academy; Amanda Nicole Madrid, Richard King High School, United States Air Force Academy; Matthew Joseph Moffitt, W.B. Ray High School, United States Military Academy; Austin M Nguyen, W.B. Ray High School, United States Military Academy; Gavin Senterfitt, Richard King High School, New Mexico Military Institute; Alana Stern, Gonzales High School, United States Naval Academy Preparatory School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Tanner Strawbridge, W.B. Ray High School, United States Naval Academy; Clayton Daley Thompson, Flour Bluff High School, United States Naval Academy Preparatory School.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating these remarkable students achievement. I'm confident they will serve our country well and I pray success will follow them in all their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF PRIDE MONTH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, throughout June, LGBT community members and allies across our country will march down Main Street to celebrate the tremendous progress we have made towards equality. I rise today to honor the many individuals in my district, as well as across the country, who have fought for generations for the right to be treated fairly and with decency. You have led the charge against bigotry, towards equality. We celebrate Pride Month in honor of you.

In the 24 years that I've served in Congress, the understanding and acceptance of the LGBT community has greatly improved. Families across the country have opened their hearts to welcome increasingly diverse neighbors and loved ones. This change can also be felt in the halls of Congress. Just this past month, an amendment to prevent discrimination against Federal employees and contractors on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity passed the House with bipartisan support, after having been defeated just the week before. Discrimination against the LGBT community is increasingly being recognized for what it is—bigotry—and federal policy is starting the long trek to catch up.

I do not deny that there is still much work to be done. North Carolina's recent move to target transgender children proves that bigotry and hate still must be fought and defeated. We must continue to work towards a Federal prohibition of discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. I am a proud cosponsor of legislation that

would do just that, the Equality Act, and remain committed to ensuring Congress enacts laws to fully protect the rights of all Americans, regardless of gender, ethnicity or race.

I am proud to represent communities all along the Central Coast who celebrate our diversity and continue to fight towards the equality that the LGBT community so rightly deserves. Just this past Sunday, Santa Cruz celebrated their Pride Parade, just as they've done for forty-one years. Marchers, musicians, and drummers marched, danced, and waved flags of every color down Pacific Avenue. We are inspired by the beat of their drum to march on towards equality.

BRETAGNE: A K-9 HERO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, heroes and servants of our country come in all shapes and sizes. Sept. 11, 2001 is one of those days that will live in infamy. The shameful attack of that morning, as President Bush noted in his address, was meant to frighten our nation. But we did not descend into chaos and retreat. September 12 was a day that saw our country united and resolved. A helping hand was extended by individuals and organizations from all across this nation.

We all came together, and in doing so we won the first battle of the war on terror. The men responsible for that attack wanted to shake the foundations of America, but in the wake of the disaster we demonstrated the power of our country, e pluribus unum, in full glory.

An example of that glory manifested can be found in Texas Task Force One, which came over 1600 miles to lend a hand in the search for survivors. One invaluable member of that force was Bretagne (pronounced Britney), a rescue dog of the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department in Cypress, Texas. She helped members of the rescue team search the rubble of the World Trade Center.

It is important that we show tribute to all, even the four-legged soldiers. Sixteen year old Bretagne, a golden retriever from Cypress, Texas, was the last living search and rescue dog who worked at Ground Zero after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. She recently passed away at age 16. She was a beloved member of the team, and we are grateful for her service to this country.

She first became a rescue dog in 2000, at the Cy-Fair Fire Department. Bretagne not only aided the heroes of 9/11, but also located and rescued hundreds of citizens after natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. When in Houston, Bretagne visited elementary schools, as a symbol to the children that courage doesn't just have one face.

To the despair of the Cypress community that so loved and adored her, brave little Bretagne's health declined. Her years of loyal service and devotion to the American people began to take a toll, and the veterinarians were given no choice but to put her down.

She was given the hero's salute by the fire department just the other day, as she made her last walk into the office. I too salute you, Bretagne, and all other surviving heroes of 9/11. Our nation deeply thanks all of you.

And that is just the way it is.

GOREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding success of the Goreville High School Baseball Team.

The Goreville Blackcats defeated Dozer Park 17–7 on June 4 to give the school the 2016 Class 1A boys' baseball state title. After finishing second in 2010 and third in 2011, this is the Blackcats' first state title, and it was achieved in record-breaking fashion. Coming to bat trailing 7–3 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Goreville pushed across 14 runs, the most runs in one inning by any team at the state tournament since the IHSA went to its current four-class system. Additionally, Goreville's 17 runs set a new Class 1A record.

I know a great deal of hard work and dedication went into this team victory, and I would like to congratulate boys athletic director Todd Tripp, head coach Shawn Tripp, and assistant coaches Kenton Parmley and Bryan Webb, who worked hard to help Goreville achieve this victory.

Members of the state championship team include: Blaine Dunning, Nolan Vaughn, Jared Vaughn, Logan Verble, Brendon Davis, Caleb Murley, Tyler Pritchett, Brant Glidewell, Braden Webb, Grant Venus, Chance Durringer, Zane Schuetz, Peyton Geyman, Logyn Frassato, Peyton Massey, Connor Johnson, and Brodie Lenon.

I look forward to the continued success of the Goreville baseball team, and I extend my best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

HONORING MR. LYNN MAURICE
STINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Maurice Stinson, who is a chairman, leader, and educator.

Lynn Maurice Stinson was born in Grenada, MS in 1947 to Minnie Louise Stinson and Sam Metcalf. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, Willie B. and Susie Stinson. His early education was at Grenada Colored School and Willia Wilson Elementary in Grenada. Stinson graduated from Carrie Dotson High School in Grenada, MS in 1966.

Stinson's desire to continue his education led him to enroll in Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS where he earned an Associate of Arts degree. Stinson then chose to attend Jackson State University in Jackson, MS where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education. Stinson returned back to his home area and began his career in education at Stone Street Elementary in Greenwood, MS. His first position was teaching the integrated study of the Social Sciences and humanities to promote civic competence to 7th

and 8th grade students. Stinson's passion was to help each student reach their full potential. He always reminded his students to dream big and work even harder.

A few years later, Stinson transferred to Threadgill Elementary, also in Greenwood, MS where he taught Social Studies. He later transferred to Greenwood Middle School and eventually retired in 2003 with 30 years of service. Stinson has been a strong supporter of education and those committed to working in the field of education. He is a past president of the Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE) in Greenwood, MS. Stinson also used his skills to help adults in his hometown, Grenada, by teaching GED night classes for several years.

In Stinson's early years, he was a participant in the Civil Rights Movement as the community worked to secure equal rights for all citizens. The reality of past conditions and his firsthand knowledge of the effort to open doors to African Americans has driven Stinson to continue his service to the community after his retirement.

Stinson presently holds the position of Election Commissioner for the City of Grenada. He has served in this position since 2005 with a top priority of assuring that the election process in Grenada is fair to all, and with the highest level of integrity. Stinson also serves on the Board of Trustees for Holmes Community College where he is the chairperson of the Insurance Committee.

Stinson is a proud member of the 100 Black Men of Grenada, Inc., where he serves as the chairman of the Education Committee. Stinson is involved in supporting youth and young adults as they strive to prepare themselves for their future and the workforce.

Stinson is a dedicated member of Belle Flower Missionary Baptist Church in Grenada, MS, and has served many years on the deacon board. He also serves as chairman of finance for the Grenada Baptist District Association Men's Department.

When he is not volunteering and participating in church activities, he enjoys traveling and playing golf.

He has been married to Queen Brooks Stinson for 43 years. They have one daughter, Monica Stinson, who resides in Brandon, MS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Lynn M. Stinson, a Chairman, Leader and Educator for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

IN HONOR OF THE HOLY MONTH
OF RAMADAN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to show support for the Muslim community in Georgia, as well as the Muslim community the world over, as they prepare for the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a holy month in the religion of Islam dedicated to spiritual meditation and personal reflection. For 30 days, Muslims will refrain from vulgarity, bad behavior and unfavorable habits, along with abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset.

In the wake of national discrimination and intolerance, the Fourth District has been working to build a community that is welcoming and accepting to Muslims and practitioners of all faiths. Recently, Gwinnett County began an outreach initiative called "Building Bridges" that connects government officials to Muslims and other diverse groups. In DeKalb County, local officials have been visiting mosques and meeting with local Muslim leaders in an effort to build a strong, trusting relationship.

Such efforts to build understanding and good will with members of the Muslim community can be seen throughout the various cities of the Fourth District. In 2015, 125 people came together in Stone Mountain for a rally to welcome new refugees—this at a time when refugees were being rejected and attacked in our public discourse, politics, and media. The city of Clarkston has been called a "safe haven" for refugees for years. The leaders and citizens of Clarkston have done an excellent job of integrating refugees into the community, helping them learn to adjust to American culture, and providing access to housing, education, and job opportunities.

I commend my district for its efforts to be inclusive, welcoming, and hospitable, and I fully support and encourage initiatives that help bridge cultural gaps while ensuring a safe, friendly and nurturing community.

For Muslims, this next month is devoted to charity, loved ones, community, peace and faith—values that are universally respected, particularly in the great state of Georgia.

I join my constituents within the Fourth Congressional District in sending the best of regards to the Muslim community during this significant month, and wishing all Muslims a Ramadan Kareem.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th anniversary of San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, California—a private Catholic high school located in Fresno, California, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley.

San Joaquin Memorial High School was founded in 1945, as the only Catholic high school in the greater Fresno area that is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno. Named after the men and women of the San Joaquin Valley who gave their lives serving our country during World War II, San Joaquin Memorial is the first Diocesan Catholic High School in the Monterey-Fresno Diocese. Since its founding the school has grown from being a small high school, to serving over 600 students today.

Over the last 70 years, many generations of students have walked the halls of San Joaquin Memorial, and have continued on to become leaders throughout the Central Valley, and beyond. San Joaquin Memorial mission has always been dedicated to developing future citizens and leaders. Memorial promotes a standard of excellence that challenges students through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, and faith based program. These programs are designed to challenge students to

become active, and engaged members of their communities in order to enhance their learning experience.

In addition to being top academic achievers, students also perform hundreds of hours of community service to the greater Fresno community through San Joaquin Memorial's Service Learning program. Service-learning offers students the opportunity to process what they learn in the classroom, and apply it by serving their community in a variety of ways. Each year, students are required to serve at least twenty hours in their communities, through a variety of local charities. Many students choose to volunteer with many community based organizations that serve the neediest of people in the Central Valley, including serving meals at the Poverello House, Community Food Bank, Catholic Charities, and volunteering on Kids Day to raise money for Valley Children's Hospital.

When young men and women graduate from San Joaquin Memorial, they are prepared to enter college, and ninety-nine percent of all Memorial graduates do attend a four year university upon graduation. Memorial works to inspire their students to become compassionate and conscientious leaders, so that they are equipped to serve their communities in a variety of professions.

San Joaquin Memorial is an inclusive community that embraces diversity and challenges each student to reach their full potential. Many outstanding alumni have walked Memorial's halls and now have established themselves in distinguished careers in law, medicine, business, education, government, technology, the military, sports, and other notable fields. As an alumnus of San Joaquin Memorial, it gives me great pleasure to celebrate this momentous occasion with the students, faculty, staff, and fellow alumni of Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing San Joaquin Memorial High School of Fresno, as they celebrate its 70th anniversary. I extend my best wishes for the school's continued success in shaping the lives of young students, creating model citizens, and serving our communities throughout the Valley, and our nation.

THE SPIES AMONG US—AND GOVERNMENT ABUSE OF 702 A

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, almost 3 years have passed since Edward Snowden revealed the extent of surveillance that was occurring on U.S. citizens. Edward Snowden is no patriot. However, the alarming information about the NSA's abuse of power he revealed cannot be ignored.

Until Snowden, most Americans were unaware that their own government was trampling on their Fourth Amendment rights. Most people did not know their every move could be tracked by Big Brother. They trusted that this agency acted purely in the interest of national security to keep us safe. Post 9/11 and with two ongoing wars, many believed that government surveillance—including warrantless searches and seizures—was lim-

ited to foreign nationals, not American citizens. That would be consistent with federal law and the Constitution. But unfortunately, this is not always the case.

In recent years, we have learned that the agency has misused and expanded the intent of Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). NSA uses Section 702 as a means to gather not only data but content and to allow law enforcement to later search this data for information about American citizens without a warrant. Because it gathers and searches content of individual communications, I believe Section 702 is more intrusive than even Section 215 which has garnered significant attention.

FISA permits the collection of such data of a suspected agent of a foreign power, but the federal government is also storing and later searching the content of emails, text messages and phone calls of American citizens—all without a warrant.

In the course of this collection, the data of American citizens, many of which have done nothing wrong or illegal, gets collected. That kind of reverse targeting of American citizens is not what Congress intended, is inconsistent with the Constitution, and it must stop. It's time for Congress to reign in this blatant violation of the Fourth Amendment and stop the warrantless searches of Americans. This issue—protecting the Fourth Amendment—has unified liberals and conservatives. My colleague Congressman LOFGREN and I may not agree on every issue before Congress, but we agree on this 100 percent.

Earlier this year, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN (D-CA), Congressman THOMAS MASSIE (R-KY) and I introduced H.R. 2233, the End Warrantless Surveillance of Americans Act. The bill would prohibit warrantless searches of government databases for information that pertains to U.S. citizens. It would also forbid government agencies from mandating or requesting "back doors" into commercial products that can be used for surveillance. The legislation mirrors an amendment we offered to the USA Freedom Act when it came up last year.

Failure to address this gaping loophole in FISA leaves the constitutional rights of millions of Americans vulnerable and unprotected. This bill also ensures that the federal government does not force companies to enable its spying activities. The NSA has and will continue to violate the constitutional protections guaranteed to every American unless Congress intervenes. Until we fix this and make the law clear, citizens can never be sure that their private conversations are safe from the eyes of the government. Last year, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed similar legislation as an amendment to DOD Appropriations and I unanimously passed one provision of this bill as an amendment to the DOJ appropriations bill. Yet, we have still not seen any action on the standalone bill. Why wouldn't Congress move on an issue that has so much bipartisan support?

We need to push this standalone legislation and also push that 702 be significantly reformed when FISA is reauthorized to ensure that information regarding American citizens can NEVER be searched by law enforcement unless it was collected through a search authorized by a warrant. Technology may change but the Constitution does not.

It is our duty to make this right and ensure that the Fourth Amendment rights of the peo-

ple we represent will no longer be trampled on by the NSA. The Fourth amendment right against unlawful search and seizure must be protected in both the physical and digital worlds at all times. Thank you for coming today and I look forward to working together to work towards this goal.

And that is just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken Tuesday, June 7, due to it being primary election day in California. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 269 (Passage of H. Con. Res. 129): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 270 (Passage of H.R. 4906): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 271 (Passage of H.R. 4904, the Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies (MEGABYTE) Act of 2016): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 272 (Passage of H.R. 1815, the Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act): YES

HONORING HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor His Holiness the Dalai Lama and welcome him to our nation's capital during his upcoming trip. I would like to recognize His Holiness for his outstanding commitments to promoting nonviolence, increasing religious tolerance, and advancing human rights around the world.

For over 50 years, His Holiness has led the effort to preserve the rich and unique cultural, historical, linguistic, and religious heritage of the people of Tibet. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 and a Congressional Gold Medal in 2007 for his efforts to bring a peaceful resolution to the political situation in Tibet and promote non-violent methods for resolving the conflict.

His advocacy and teachings on religious tolerance, non-violence, and peace are so needed in our current global community. His Holiness' unwavering commitment to preserving and protecting the human rights of marginalized communities around the globe is an example for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize his Holiness the Dalai Lama today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 272, I am not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALDONIA
"PEACHES" ANDERSON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Caldonia "Peaches" Anderson on a distinguished career with the UAW and for receiving the UAW Local 600 "Spirit of King Award" for 2016.

Peaches was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, graduating from Detroit Central High School in 1964. After her graduation, she was married and had two children. She came from a hard working union family, and in 1969, she chose that path as well and was hired at the Ford Motor Company, where she worked at the Brownstown Plant and became a member of UAW Local 600, a local that she has loved for so many years since then.

In her time with Local 600, Peaches became deeply involved with the local and fighting for the rights of all members in the workplace. She served as an alternate Committeeperson, Chair of the Women's Committee, Unit Recording Secretary, Co-Chair of the Education Department Training Program, and Employee Resource Coordinator. Due to her hard work, she was asked to join the Local 600 staff, and then was asked to join the UAW National Ford Department where she worked as the Joint Programs Coordinator on Special Programs until her retirement in 2008. At that time, she had retired having worked for over 39 amazing years.

If there was a job that needed doing, Peaches was and is there. She is the bedrock of a community that works hard to help others and fights for equality for all. She knows the challenges so many working men and women face; but nothing is an obstacle. For Peaches, it is always "let's take it on, what do we need to do?" She is tireless in her commitment to everyone.

After she retired, Peaches continued to serve her brothers and sisters in the UAW now serving as the President of the UAW Local 600 retirees chapter. Peaches has focused her energy on taking care of her mother Ernestine and on being a wonderful mother to her children and a loving wife to her husband Alonzo. She is also deeply involved in the community, she is politically active, and she volunteers faithfully at her church. It is amazing to see all of the things Peaches continues to do and always with a smile on her face. As everyone has come to know about her, she lives by the Peaches Rule which is to "treat people like she wanted to be treated." Peaches is one-of-a-kind, and I am honored to be able to call her a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Caldonia "Peaches" Anderson for her many contributions to our community. I thank her for her leadership and friendship, and wish her many years of success and happiness.

HONORING KEITH M. KING

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious young man, Mr. Keith M. King. He has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to live a productive life.

Keith M. King was born April 20, 1959 in New Orleans, LA. He lived there until age two then moved to Las Vegas, Nevada with his grandparents until he turned seven, then his move was to Chicago, IL with his parents. He lived there for another three years and decided to move to Mississippi because of the violence in Chicago. Mr. King was then ten years old and stayed in Mississippi with his parents until the age of twelve. He then returned back to Las Vegas, Nevada with his grandparents and resided with them for another four years. At the age of sixteen Mr. King moved back to Mississippi with his parents because of racial riots at his school in Las Vegas.

Mr. King was half way through the 10th grade as he continued to live in Mississippi until he graduated from the Jefferson County High School in Fayette, Mississippi. Prior to graduating from high school he joined the Army on the delay entry program on December 16, 1976 and entered the service on August 8, 1977. He completed his basic training in Fort Jackson, SC and completed his advanced individual training in Fort Benning, GA. He was stationed at Scofield Barracks in Honolulu, HI. During Mr. King's tour, he was deployed throughout the Pacific. Some of his tours were: Guam, USA, Korea, The Philippines Islands, Australia, The Big Island of Hawaii, Japan and Samoa.

On August 8, 1980 Mr. King ETS from regular service and joined the Army Reserves in December 1980. His first unit was the 386th Transportation Unit in Natchez, MS. Mr. King was still with this unit when they got activated on August 27, 1990 to go to Saudi Arabia to serve in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm War. They stayed in every state in the United States which included Panama, and overseas on numerous occasions. In 1999 Mr. King transferred to the 412th Eng. Battalion in Vicksburg, MS and in 2000 he was deployed and made his sixth and final deployment to Korea before his military career ended. In 2001 he transferred from the 412th Eng. Battalion to the 296th Trucking Company in Brookhaven, MS. On August 30, 2002 Mr. King retired from the military with over twenty-five years of military service for his country. He retired with the rank of E-7, Sergeant First Class.

Mr. King is married to his lovely wife, Sandra Gamble-King for thirty-one years. They have three children. Their oldest daughter has one daughter, the middle son has a set of twins and their baby boy is only sixteen. They have two godchildren who they love very much.

Mr. King has a total of twenty-three years of law enforcement experience. He started his law enforcement career in Fayette, MS with the Fayette Police Department and at Alcorn State University Police Department both at the

same time. Three years later he left the Fayette Police Department and joined the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. After working with the Sheriffs Office for six years, Mr. King decided to go back to school in 2006 to expand his career and pursue a Criminal Justice Degree, which he obtained in 2010. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree having a GPA of 3.5 and he's still with the Alcorn State University Police Department as a Lieutenant.

Mr. King is on the deacon's board at his church, he sings in the choir, and plays the piano for two different churches. He is an author of inspirational writings. His first published book is entitled "Crying, Through GOD'S Eyes". He has completed two more books that have not been published yet and is currently working on another one. He has a weekly column in the Fayette Chronicle, the Glory Journal and the GAD About Magazine in Fayette, MS; along with a column in the Bluff City Post in Natchez, MS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Keith M. King for his dedication to the U.S. military, the 2nd Congressional District and serving his country and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, I was unable to vote on roll call votes 269, 270, 271, and 272. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 129, "yea" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4906, "yea" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4904, and "yea" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1815.

IN HONOR OF JAMES A. BUSSEY, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate his 90th birthday, a dear friend of longstanding to my wife, Vivian and me, Mr. James A. Bussey, Sr. A 90th birthday celebration was held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center in Columbus, Georgia. David Viscott once said that, "The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The Work of life is to develop it. The Meaning of life is to give your gift away." Mr. James Bussey has given his life away in service to others and we are all better for it.

James Andrew Bussey was born in Harris County, GA in 1926 and attended Spencer High School, where he graduated in 1944. Upon graduation, James was accepted into Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, where he remained for one year before marrying Ms. Marguerite Lindsey in 1947 and moved to Columbus, GA.

Mr. Bussey is an industrious man who worked two jobs every week to support his

family because he wanted to provide a better life for them. He constantly had to fight the scourge of racism and because of this, he left Columbus in 1957 to move to Washington, DC where he obtained employment at the Washington Hotel. But, the stench of racism was not far behind as Mr. Bussey discovered that his weekly paycheck was \$20 less than that of his White counterparts. Left with a heavy heart, Bussey immediately returned to Columbus.

Because of his grit, determination and unwavering faith in God, Mr. Bussey found employment as a mail handler with the United States Postal Service. He took pride in delivering the mail and especially enjoyed the East Highland route, which allowed him to visit his mother and grandmother, frequently. Becoming a Mail Handler allowed Mr. Bussey to connect with his community on a personal level and he was known to sing as he walked with joy along his daily route. In addition, he would support and assist community members with literacy troubles, and would read and respond to mail whenever asked. Mr. Bussey's dedication to his job as a Mail Handler and passion for members of his community granted him the recurring opportunity to drive the postal vehicle in the annual Christmas parade, in Columbus.

Mr. Bussey retired from the United States Postal Service in 1976, and upon his retirement, returned to college with his undying resilience and dedication, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbus College in 1988. Mr. Bussey became a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and to this day lives by their mission to promote brotherhood and service to all mankind.

Furthermore, Mr. Bussey is a longtime active member of St. James AME Church where he is an officer, a member of the Sons of Allen, and a soloist with the choir. He has volunteered with the Columbus Ambassadors of the Columbus Visitors Bureau and has appeared on stage at the Liberty Theater as an adult performer in musical productions at the Three Arts and River Centers.

Mr. Bussey continues to live a selfless and generous life, serving as a proud Christian, husband, father and friend and has been blessed with four children, James Jr., Janet, Margaret and Michael. I have known Mr. Bussey and the Bussey family for almost 50 years. He is one of the finest human beings that I have ever met in my lifetime. None of the success that he has obtained in life would have been possible without the love and support of his loving wife, Marguerite. He is an example of what Jesus meant when he said, "He that is great among you shall be a servant and he that is greatest among you shall be a servant unto all."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District in extending our best wishes to James A. Bussey, Sr. on his 90th birthday. As we celebrate another year of this outstanding citizen's life, we would do well to follow the example of his legacy of striving to improve the quality of life of others giving the gift of his extraordinary life away for the betterment of humanity.

HONORING EVE GARCIA

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eve Garcia, a woman from my district who saved the life of a six-year-old boy on April 29, 2016. Ms. Garcia stepped out of her home in West Palm Beach, Florida to find the young boy drowning in a neighborhood pond. Without hesitation, she rushed into the water and pulled the struggling boy to safety.

A bystander called 911, while Ms. Garcia continued to hold and comfort the young child. He was rushed to the hospital where he was treated then later released with no residual side effects from the horrific incident.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Garcia for her quick response and heroic actions. Her selflessness in that moment helped to save a young boy's life and, as his family is ever thankful for her actions, I am also thankful to have such a caring woman in my community.

In honor of Ms. Eve Garcia and her actions, I am pleased to recognize her before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING KASPRINA MOTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Kasprina Moton.

Ms. Moton is going to pharmacy school at Xavier University, and her plan is to come back to Mississippi to serve the under served and minorities that cannot afford their medical treatments and medications. She has participated in various activities throughout the state of Mississippi. She is a 2006 graduate from Gentry High School in the top 10 percent of her class. She graduated from Jackson State University with a 3.7 GPA with a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry. She graduated from Ole Miss Medical Center Pharmacy Tech program in the top 5 percent of her class. She won Miss. NOBeChe of Jackson Mississippi and she also won the Leadership scholarship of the Boys and Girls club in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Kasprina Moton for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VIVIAN HICKEY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Vivian Hickey, who passed away on April 28, 2016 at the age of 100. She will be greatly missed by the

Rockford community after influencing so many lives during her many years of service to the State of Illinois.

As a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the original Rock Valley College's Board of Trustees, and the Illinois State Senate, Vivian was an icon and force in Rockford politics and public education. She was first appointed to the Illinois Senate to fill the 34th District seat following the death of Betty Ann Keegan in 1974, sparking the tradition of what soon became known as "The Woman's Seat" in Rockford. Vivian went on to serve one full term in that role, survived a fight against cancer, and became known as an impassioned leader in Illinois and an independent fighter for women and families. Vivian was a true inspiration for many people, whose passion and dedication made her a uniting force within our region.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Vivian's contributions and service to our community, and my thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH CELEBRATION OF THE ANTIQUITIES ACT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize and celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Antiquities Act this week. The National Antiquities Act was signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt on June 8, 1906. This legislation serves as a historic cornerstone in conservation, allowing our presidents to protect public lands with national or notable importance by designating national parks and monuments.

The Antiquities Act remains a critical tool in preserving our American history and in educating our American and foreign visitors about the American experience. These parks preserve our nation's landscapes that reflect the diverse beauty of our country—such as Katmai National Monument in Alaska, Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, the Petrified Forest in Arizona, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in Hawaii, Mojave Trails in California, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument in the Northern Mariana Islands, and Grand Sequoia National Monument in California. These parks reflect the history of people who called our land home—such as the Aztec Ruins in New Mexico, Russell Cave in Alabama, the Gila Cliff Dwellings in New Mexico, the Navajo National Monument in Arizona, and Ellis Island in New York.

Further, these parks reflect the history of our nation's birth, struggles, and growth as well as citizens who played key roles in these efforts—such as Fort McHenry in Maryland, Castle Clinton National Monument in New York, Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana, Fort Sumter in South Carolina, Appomattox Court House in Virginia, Booker T. Washington National Monument in Virginia, George Washington Carver National Monument in Missouri, the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, and the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument in Hawaii, Alaska, and California. The importance of our lands

and monuments is well documented in our American culture—in songs that praise “our redwood forests” or our “purple mountain majesties;” music that captures the emotion of the Grand Canyon, and images of the Statue of Liberty that move our spirits and evoke our patriotism.

In my home City of Chicago rests the Pullman National Monument and Historic District that honors the 1894 factory strikes and their role in our nation’s labor and civil rights movements. The Pullman District reflects the long history that the City of Chicago has with the birth of the Union Movement. I am proud to represent “Teamsters Row” in Chicago, the home of this important national labor union that champions the rights of workers.

In closing, I am pleased to recognize the 110th anniversary of the Antiquities Act and honor the substantial impact the Act has made in the preservation of our national and cultural history and environmental treasures.

RECOGNIZING MRS. LINDA CANLAS
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM
FAITH RINGGOLD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Rosalinda Valencia “Linda” Canlas on her retirement as Principal from Faith Ringgold Elementary School in Hayward, California.

Linda has been an active proponent of public education throughout her career. She has instilled a sense of leadership, moral courage, and personal responsibility in the many students that have had the privilege to be seated in her classroom. Her dedication to those students who were not well served by other schools is commendable.

While serving as principal, Linda has actively sought to implement a program to improve the quality of education, introducing effective teaching practices, standards-based curricula and a culture of effective collaboration between school staff and parents. Her efforts have proven to be successful, with Faith Ringgold seeing a 28 percent increase in academic performance over a three-year period.

She was elected as a Trustee to the New Haven Unified School Board in 2010, and she has served as a Board Member, the Clerk, and the Board’s President. She helped spearhead the movement to rename Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School, honoring the farm labor leaders who worked alongside Cesar Chavez.

Linda’s dedication to our community extends beyond her commitment to education. She is an active member of her local parish, and serves as a committee member of the Ukulele Festival of Northern California. She has also raised her family to share in her dedication to public service. She is the proud mother of two daughters. One is now a licensed attorney and the other is beginning a career of her own as a public school teacher.

Linda’s commitment to the students at Faith Ringgold and in schools across the Hayward and New Haven Unified School Districts is truly extraordinary. I want to acknowledge her for her dedication to a sustainable future and

congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TONY AND JULIET
CAMPOS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony and Juliet Campos on their 50th anniversary. Individually, Tony and Juliet each have a lot to be proud of, but together, as a couple, their accomplishments and passion to give back to the community are truly remarkable.

Tony and Juliet met in 1965 at a wedding in Fresno, California. At the time, Juliet was working in her hometown of Chino, California, and Tony was trying to make it in the sheep herding business. As a new immigrant from Orondritz, Spain, Tony knew it was fate when he met a young lady whose family emigrated from a Basque town just a couple hundred miles away from Orondritz.

In 1966, they were married in Chino and moved to Caruthers, California. Tony and Juliet partnered with Tony’s brothers, and started a modest farming operation, Campos Brothers Farms. Tony’s business savviness and charisma along with Juliet’s tenacity, quick wit and humor complimented each other perfectly, and their small business turned into one of the largest almond processing plants in the country.

Tony and Juliet’s success reaches far beyond their family business. They are parents of three, Steven, Joe, and Jeannine and grandparents of ten, Vanessa, Antonio, Audrey, Ava, Grace, Mathieu, Olivia, Vivian, Sophia, and George. Faith and family are most important to Tony and Juliet, and whether you are a long distance relative, friend, or business colleague, you will always be treated with the utmost respect.

Giving back to the community has always been a priority for Tony and Juliet. Most recently, Juliet was recognized by California State University, Fresno with the Common Threads Award for her contributions to the agriculture industry and philanthropic endeavors. And last August, Tony was honored at Fresno State’s Ag One Community Salute for his contributions to agriculture and service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Tony and Juliet Campos on their 50th anniversary. I wish them continued happiness as they celebrate this momentous occasion with family and friends.

HONORING JANA L. CLANTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, the late Ms. Jana Leigh Clanton. Jana

was born January 24, 1996 in Flowood, Mississippi.

Jana confessed Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Able Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Willie A. Travis, Sr., where she was a faithful steward, serving as a clerical volunteer to the church secretarial staff and a member of the Mt. Able Anointed Believers Praise Dance Ministry.

Jana was a Presidential Scholar at Tougaloo College, where she majored in English with an emphasis in Pre-Law and was a student leader, serving as a member of the Student Government Association, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and member of the Tougaloo Ambassadors for Meritorious Scholars (T.A.M.S.), student recruitment association.

Jana graduated with honors from Madison Central High School in May 2014, most recently became licensed as a Certified Pharmacy Technician, and accepted a position at CVS Pharmacy. Though she loved science, Jana’s dream was to become the first African American Female U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

To her family, Jana was affectionately known as “Jana Pooh Pooh”. She will always be remembered for her willingness to help others and for her passion for reading. Jana always lived life on her own terms and never met a stranger.

She leaves to mourn her death, her loving and devoted parents, Minister Johnny L. and Vicky L. Clanton, Sr.; her adoring and loving siblings, Waikinya J. S. and Johnny L. Clanton, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jana Leigh Clanton.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, due to technical difficulties I was not able to register a vote on H.R. 4906. I wish to reflect my intentions on roll call No. 270, as a “YEA” vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I had been present on Wednesday, June 8, and Thursday, June 9, 2016 I would have voted the following ways:

No on Question of Consideration of the Resolution—the Rule for H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017.

No on Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res. 112.

No on H. Res. 767—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775—Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016, H. Con. Res. 89—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United

States economy, and H. Con. Res. 112—Expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President's proposed \$10 tax on every barrel of oil.

Yes on H.R. 3826—Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 271, I am not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I inadvertently voted "nay" on Roll Call No. 279, on Representative POLIS' amendment to H.R. 4775 that would adopt the text of H.R. 1548, the BREATHE Act, which would amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the prohibitions against aggregating emissions from oil and gas sources. As an original cosponsor of H.R. 1548 and a strong supporter of policies to protect the public and our environment from the dangers of Hydraulic Fracturing, or fracking, I duly intended to vote "yea" on this amendment and appreciate this opportunity to note my support.

HONORING BREALAND PENDLETON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Brealand Pendleton.

Brealand Pendleton is the daughter of Mr. Christopher and Aubrey Pendleton of Terry, MS. She is one of four siblings: Chris, Braydon and Aubrey Pendleton. Currently, Brealand is a Senior of Terry High School where she will be graduating 6th out of a class of 320.

Brealand Pendleton is a very outgoing young lady that has served in several capacities in her school; showing great leadership skills and the qualities of a great team member. Brealand has been a member of the Band, Flag Team (Senior Captain), Tennis Team (Senior Captain), Beta Club (Senior Secretary), National Honor Society (Junior Treasury, Senior Vice-President), Interact Club (Senior Secretary) and the National Society of High School Scholars. Brealand has over 40 hours of community service which varies from local school participation, helping at the Food Network, serving at Stewpot, working with the school blood drive, contributor to the Angel Tree and other various community projects. Brealand will further her education at Xavier University of Louisiana, where she will major

in Biochemistry. Brealand is a shining example for Terry High School and her community as she works to make it a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a remarkable student, leader and community volunteer, Ms. Brealand Pendleton, for her hard work and dedication at Terry High School and throughout the communities of Mississippi.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROISM OF CPL. PHILIP E. LOUR

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible heroism of one of my constituents, Cpl. Philip E. Lour, a veteran of World War II, a leader, and an American patriot. Mr. Lour first began serving our nation immediately after graduating from high school at the age of 17. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, in 1942, where he quickly developed an interest in communications, and eventually an expertise in Morse code. However, life had different plans for him.

After he was accepted into the Army Specialized Training Program, Mr. Lour soon found himself heading to the front lines due to the program being shut down. Mr. Lour fought in one of the war's most infamous battles, the Battle of the Bulge, where he survived the surprise Nazi assault that incurred the highest casualties for any operation in World War II in Europe. In January, 1946, Mr. Lour retired from the Army as a hero and patriot with the thanks of a grateful nation.

Mr. Lour's service to our nation did not end upon returning home. After graduating from Yale University with a degree in engineering, achieved through the GI Bill, he went on to work for the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics (NACA). His work at NACA continued for eight years before he transitioned to operational analysis at Langley Air Force Base in Newport News, Virginia. He eventually retired as Deputy Director for the Concepts Analysis Agency in the Department of the Army.

Mr. Lour's long career of service to our nation speaks volumes of his character. He exemplifies hard work, leadership, bravery, and ambition in all aspects of his life, from his education to his service abroad. His dedication to the United States serves as a model for all Americans.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Lour today for his selfless contributions to our great nation. Whether it has been fighting on the front lines in WWII, or by making his neighborhood more beautiful with his extraordinary azalea garden, it is clear that Mr. Philip E. Lour has dedicated his life to improving the lives of those around him. He is respected and loved by many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Philip E. Lour for his lifetime of service to the United States of America. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN MEMORIAM OF MICHAEL RATNER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, with my colleague Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, to pay tribute to Attorney Michael Ratner, a fearless champion for justice and peace, who passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the age of 72.

For nearly half a century, the talented and tenacious Michael Ratner brought cases with the Center for Constitutional Rights in U.S. courts related to war, torture, and other human rights violations. Throughout his decades of legal service, he was and remains a giant in the field on Constitutional law and the law of war.

He was born in Cleveland on June 13, 1943. His father, Harry, was a Jewish immigrant from Russia, and his mother, the former Anne Spott, helped resettle refugees after World War II, during which numerous family members of the couple were killed. After graduating in 1966 from Brandeis University, Michael Ratner earned his juris doctorate from Columbia Law School. He took a year off of law school to work for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund on a Baltimore school desegregation case. He then clerked in Manhattan for Judge Constance Baker Motley, the first African American woman to serve on the federal bench.

In 1971, Ratner joined the Center for Constitutional Rights, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Manhattan. From 1984 to 1990, he served as the Center's legal director and became the Center's president in 2002 serving until 2014. He was also president of the National Lawyers Guild and of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights.

Ratner brought cases for war crimes and other human rights violations all over the world. Seeking to hold Bush administration officials accountable for torture, he filed cases under the Universal Jurisdiction principle in international courts, including in Germany, Spain, Canada, Switzerland, and France.

Ratner also oversaw litigation that successfully challenged New York City's stop-and-frisk policing tactic.

Under his leadership, the Center for Constitutional Rights was the first human rights organization to stand up for the human rights of Guantanamo detainees. Ratner was a founding member of the Guantanamo Bay Bar Association which grew to include more than 500 attorneys. This Association provided pro bono representation to prisoners at Guantanamo—one of the largest mass defense efforts in U.S. history. Michael acted as counsel in the landmark case *Rasul v. Bush*, which was the first successful Guantanamo case in the United States Supreme Court.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Ranucci, a video producer; his children, Jake and Ana; his sister Ellen and his brother Bruce.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that all our colleagues join us in honoring the life and work of Attorney Michael Ratner. He will truly be missed, but he will live on through the work of the countless social justice lawyers and activists he inspired.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,228,398,127,636.98. We've added \$8,601,521,078,723.90 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8.6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING LOUISE SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious mother, Mrs. Louise Smith. Mrs. Smith has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to live a productive life.

Louise Smith was born on February 21, 1925 in Laurel, Mississippi.

Mrs. Smith married Samuel Smith on March 10, 1946 and together they had 11 children, 5 boys and 6 girls. They moved to Yazoo City, Mississippi in the 1950s. When the youngest child was enrolled in kindergarten, Mrs. Smith enrolled in beauty school and later received her license to become a hairstylist. She and her good friend, Dorothy Casey, co-owned a beauty salon in downtown Yazoo City which opened in early 1970s and remained open for over 30 years. When you stopped by to get your hair done, you not only received a great hair styling, but you also got many words of wisdom with a little gospel to lift up your spirits until the next time you came.

Mrs. Smith was once a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church on Brickyard Hill in Yazoo City with her husband and children. There she and several other women met and formed a gospel group known as the Gospel Carolettes. Her husband sang with them as well. The Gospel Carolettes not only sang in church but at various Christian events spreading the news of the gospel. They also sang on the radio station WAZF each Sunday morning.

Mrs. Smith left Chapel Hill Baptist Church with her husband and children to become a member of New Zion Baptist Church where her son, Rev. Willie E. Smith, is the pastor. There she not only served as a Mother of the church, but also works with the Mission women. Mother Smith taught Sunday School and sang in the choir at New Zion.

Mrs. Smith has been a mother and/or grandmother figure to many in the church and in her neighborhood; always welcoming others into her home, which has always displayed an array of beautiful flowers in the yard and many green plants indoors for comfort, decoration and fresh air. Louise enjoys gardening and preparing dinner with vegetables from her garden on Sundays for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and any other visitors from the community.

Mrs. Smith has pushed to be a role model not only for her children and grandchildren, but to all in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Louise Smith for her dedication for change and serving her community.

HONORING PATRICIA DERIAN,
CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Patricia Derian, former State Department human rights chief, who, as the Washington Post reported, "helped save thousands of lives by giving humanitarian concerns greater weight in U.S. foreign policy." Patt, who grew up in Virginia and first gained a national reputation as a fighter for civil rights in Mississippi, died on May 20 at the home she and her husband, Hodding Carter III, shared in Chapel Hill, NC.

Patt graduated from the University of Virginia nursing school in 1952 and moved with her then-husband to Jackson, Mississippi. There she volunteered for Head Start, fought to integrate public schools, and participated in the 1968 challenge to the state's all-white Democratic National Convention delegation. She also served as president of the Southern Regional Council and on the executive committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In 1976, Patt took a leadership role in Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign. President Carter appointed her State Department coordinator for human rights and humanitarian affairs, a position Congress upgraded to Assistant Secretary. "If you want a magnolia to decorate foreign policy," she told future Secretary of State Warren Christopher, "I'm the wrong person. I expect to get things done."

Patt Derian proved as good as her word, ruffling numerous feathers along the way. She persuaded the President to exert influence over international lending institutions by opposing loans to Argentina, Ethiopia, Laos, Uruguay, and other human rights violators. She helped engineer the release of thousands of political prisoners in Indonesia, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Her reports to Congress shed light on previously ignored subjects such as labor practices, women's rights, and female genital mutilation. Jacobo Timerman, an Argentine journalist imprisoned and tortured over many years, credited Ms. Derian with helping engineer his release and saving "thousands and thousands of lives all over the world."

In 1978, Patt married Hodding Carter, a well-known Mississippi journalist who was then Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. They relocated to Chapel Hill in 2005, where my wife Lisa and I came to treasure their friendship and their continued political and civic leadership, locally and nationally. Hodding was Patt's loving caretaker in her years of declining health and continues in multiple teaching and other leadership roles at the University of North Carolina.

Because of Patt Derian's "determination and effective advocacy," President Carter said upon her death, "countless human rights and democracy activists survived that period, going on to plant the seeds of freedom in Latin

America, Asia, and beyond." She was a great humanitarian who was not afraid to challenge the constraints generally placed on diplomacy and foreign policy. As a result, we now have a broader, morally-grounded view of our country's interests and of what we stand for in the world. That is a legacy of major importance: may we rededicate ourselves to it as we remember Patt Derian with gratitude and affection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 270, I am not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KAREN
RUE'S RETIREMENT**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Karen Rue, Superintendent of Schools at Northwest ISD. Dr. Rue is retiring from this leadership position after over ten years of exemplary public service to its students, faculty and staff.

During her term as superintendent, Dr. Rue skillfully met the challenges of a rapidly growing school district. Dr. Rue guided NISD's transformation from an educational entity serving 8,700 students in a largely rural area to a more suburban district with an expanded enrollment of more than 21,000. She successfully shepherded the passage of three bond elections, with the overwhelming support of the community, to meet this dynamic growth. During this period, academic performance was increased to ensure that graduates would be equipped for success in higher education and prepared to compete in a global workforce. During Dr. Rue's tenure, the district saw the opening of two new high schools, Byron Nelson, and V.R. Eaton. Additionally, she was instrumental in the implementation of community-based accountability, the expansion of specialized NISD academies and the development of the Outdoor Learning Center.

Dr. Rue has been nationally recognized as a leading proponent of the importance of a digital learning environment to equip all students to be "future ready." She was selected to participate in the Connected Superintendents Summit at the White House, was named one of the nation's Top 50 Innovators in Education by the Center for Digital Education and was chosen as a finalist in the eSchool News Tech-Savvy Superintendent Awards program. In addition, she was elected by her peers to serve as president of the Texas Association of School Administrators and was named Region XI Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Rue is also a dedicated community leader, having served as President of the Northwest Communities Partnership and as a director of the 35W Coalition.

Cumulatively, Dr. Rue has dedicated 37 years to improving the quality of American

public education. She began her impressive career as a 6th grade teacher, then served as Executive Director of Elementary Education at Katy ISD, and as Superintendent of Schools of Tulosso-Midway ISD before assuming her position as superintendent of schools for NISD. I salute Dr. Rue for her exemplary career and extend best wishes upon her retirement and future endeavors. It is my privilege to represent Northwest ISD in the U.S. House of Representatives. Dr. Rue's positive impact and dedicated service to Northwest ISD will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING YAZOO CITY ALUMNAE
CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA
THETA SORORITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of women who has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve their community, Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has served the Yazoo County community and the State of Mississippi through informational meetings, social and civic engagement.

The Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter was granted their 30th chartering in the state of Mississippi on February 2, 1997. Francine Wallace and Edwina Fox, in 1995, had the idea to create a chapter in Yazoo and placed an article in the local newspaper. Other Delta's in the area quickly responded, desiring to continue the mission to which they had pledged themselves in their college years and together they worked with the state leadership, the southern Region Manager and the national Headquarters to achieve this objective. Not being swayed, it took several attempts to acquire the approvals to establish the Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter. The Yazoo City Deltas traveled to the State Cluster to share their desire to focus on the high rate of teenage pregnancies in Yazoo County as it was the highest rate in the state of Mississippi. Relating their dedication to fighting this devastating trend, the Southern Region Manager, on their second attempt approved the chartering of the Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter. On February 2, 1997 at the St. Stephen United Methodist Church 12 members, Mary Ann Brewer, Teresa Bonner, Diane Delaware, Zellee Delaware, Sandra Younger, Tamara Dodd, Edwina Gordon-Fox, Marilyn Hathorne, Gloria Elayne Owens, Francine Wallace, the late Juanita Scott-Washington and Mary Joshua Young stood and committed to carry out the public service mission of their beloved sisterhood throughout Yazoo County. Thus, this was the beginning of the Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

IN HONOR OF THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF PAYSON CONCRETE AND MATERIALS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a business from my district, Payson Concrete and Materials, Incorporated.

Payson Concrete and Materials recently celebrated their 51st anniversary in business. George Randall opened the business in 1965. His brothers, Robert and Fred, joined him soon after and the family has been serving the communities of Payson, Pine and Tonto Basin ever since. Providers of concrete, asphalt and road paving services to eastern Arizona, the Randalls now employ 35 people, many of whom have been with the company for over 20 years. Their loyalty shows a commitment to excellence in every aspect of their company, from customer to employee. The Randall Brothers are also very active and generous in their community. Every year, they make major contributions to the local community. Robert Randall has also invested in the future of Pine. Mr. Randall, along with other local businessmen, has invested his own time and money into drilling a well with the capability of providing the citizens of Pine with a fresh source of water.

Payson Concrete and Materials is the type of family-owned and operated business that is all too rare in this day and age. It models the kind of community involvement that should be commonplace in our country. On behalf of the people of Arizona and the United States, we thank them for all that they do.

AMERICA'S HEALTH MEASURES
PROTECTION ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to protect the health regulations of the United States, and thereby the health of Americans, from the pernicious use of the Investor-State Dispute Settlement mechanism that exists in free trade agreements like NAFTA and the TPP.

Abuses of the ISDS provision have already had harmful effects on the health of our Canadian neighbors, as an ISDS lawsuit essentially forced the Canadian government to abandon its ban of the gasoline additive MMT, a known human neurotoxin.

My legislation, which amends the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountable Act of 2015, known as the TPA, makes it explicitly clear that protecting the health of Americans is a paramount trade negotiating objective of the United States. As it stands today, the TPA falls short of this goal.

During negotiations of the Trans Pacific Partnership, several nations demanded the ability to dismiss ISDS claims made against their tobacco control measures. This insistence was a tacit acknowledgment that companies use ISDS lawsuits to challenge reasonable state health regulations.

But why only single out tobacco control measures? What about safeguards for other public health measures like lower drug prices under Medicare, food safety regulations, clean air and water regulations, or the Toxic Substances Control Act recently passed by Congress? The fact that a last minute "tobacco carve-out" was inserted into the TPP is proof that the trade negotiating objectives currently in TPA are not explicit enough to protect the health of Americans.

The purpose of my legislation is to ensure that all health regulations in the United States are protected from unscrupulous abuses of trade arbitration mechanisms that fall outside of the United States justice system. My legislation instructs the United States Trade Representative to explicitly ensure that no trade agreement gives an investor group the power to hold the health of Americans hostage for monetary gain.

Trade is important to our society, but it should not come at the expense of the health of Americans. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
VALERIE BENDER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mrs. Valerie Bender. Mrs. Bender passed away on April 29, 2016, at the age of 60 as she valiantly battled breast cancer for seven years. Known by all who met her as a selfless individual, Mrs. Bender led a prolific career as a reporter and was loved deeply by friends and family.

Mrs. Bender began her journalism career as a reporter in Florida. After having moved to Virginia and working there for a short time, her merits earned her the esteemed role of managing editor at the Wilmington News Journal. Mrs. Bender went on to work at the Fresno Bee where she served for 20 years. While at the Fresno Bee, she held a variety of different positions that included serving as Features Editor, Assistant Managing Director, Director of Community Publications, and Vice President of Custom Publications. In February 2014 Mrs. Bender was named President and Publisher of the Merced Sun-Star, a role that was certainly well earned and deserved.

Among her many activities and passions, Mrs. Bender was an advocate for breast cancer awareness and was deeply passionate about art. She made it a point to promote mammogram examinations among the young women that she met and went on to become part of Sistah's Just Surviving, a support group for cancer survivors. Mrs. Bender was viewed as a role model by members of the group because of her genuine and loving persona. Furthermore, Mrs. Bender was on the board of trustees at the Fresno Art Museum and showed constant support for young up-and-coming artists in the community. She was able to take her passion for art and effortlessly apply it to her career. During her time at the Fresno Bee, she became so well known for her "eye-popping" art designs that she was called away by other McClatchy newspapers for assistance in making their papers more appealing for up to several weeks at a time.

Throughout her battle with cancer, Mrs. Bender continued to work tirelessly and contributed in numerous ways to the Fresno Bee. She was known for her kindness and fierce devotion to her friends and family. In the wise words of Mrs. Bender, "Life is precious and while it's easy to ask 'why me?' the most important thing is still family and friends . . . I have a husband and a daughter who love me."

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the life of Mrs. Valerie Bender. Often compared to feminist icon Rosie the Riveter, Mrs. Bender was a source of inspiration for all those she touched. She was a loving mother, wife, and journalist and everyone around her benefitted greatly by having her in their lives.

**HONORING NORTH CAROLINA
STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:
2016 NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MU-
SEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE**

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the North Carolina State University Libraries on receiving the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This prestigious award, offered annually by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for exceptional service to their communities.

The North Carolina State University Library system has transformed how libraries involve the community to understand, learn, and participate in a myriad of educational activities. The system strengthens North Carolina's K–12 education pipeline, increases the public's literacy, and prepares tomorrow's researchers with college- and workforce-ready skills.

Through cutting-edge programming at all of their locations, North Carolina State University has built a library system that can support the university's students and advanced research, while also serving as an incubator for Triangle businesses. This library was one of the first to leap into the digital age, and has been a terrific example for other academic research libraries around the world. Their creative recruitment tactics for librarians and their crowdsourcing of ideas from student committees have made this library an invaluable asset to our state.

There are several key spaces for students, faculty, and the community to utilize at the North Carolina State University Libraries. These include digital media editing and production spaces, as well as gaming spaces for creating simulations and virtual environments. Library patrons have access to the D.H. Hill Makerspace, which is equipped with 3D printers, scanners, and laser cutters for users to explore a variety of ideas. There is even an Immersion Theater where students and faculty can display their work on a panoramic screen—I recently had the opportunity to experience a fully recreated historic speech given by John Donne in 1622.

North Carolina State University Libraries are one of just ten recipients of the National Medal

for Museum and Library Service. NCSU Libraries have had a remarkable impact on the entire state of North Carolina. There were approximately 2.25 million visitors to the library last year, with nearly 12,000 registered visitors from 76 countries, 42 states, and 46 counties in North Carolina.

As we congratulate all the libraries' leaders, it is also important to recognize Susan K. Nutter, winner of the 2016 Association of College and Research Libraries' (ACRL) Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. As the Vice Provost & Director of Libraries, Susan has been instrumental in building the innovative library system we see today.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I offer congratulations to the North Carolina State University Libraries—and each of the nine other National Medal winners—for achieving this distinction for their path-breaking innovations and dedication to serving their communities.

HONORING JALEXIS EVANS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Jalexis Evans.

Jalexis is the daughter of Latoya Lee and Samuel Evans and the granddaughter of Shirley Evans and the late Glenda Nelson. She is a native of Mound Bayou, Mississippi where she attended John F. Kennedy Memorial High School before being accepted into the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science in Columbus, Mississippi. While attending John F. Kennedy she was class president, the founder of the mentorship program, "Girl Talk", and a cheerleader. In her spare time, she volunteers in her community with organizations such as St. Gabriel's Mercy Center, New Life Church, and local nursing homes.

One of the greatest impacts she believes she has made is with the mentoring program she initiated. Girl Talk was created solely to help empower, encourage, and equip young girls in the community. They've done things such as visit nursing homes, make Christmas with kindergartners, and host a tea party for young ladies in middle school to teach proper etiquette.

Jalexis also spends time playing piano and guitar. During her tenure at John F. Kennedy she played the trumpet in the marching band.

A passion of Jalexis is caring for the youth in her community. Though she believes involvement in the community is crucial, she also believes her education will take her far. She works diligently to ensure that her future goals are within her grasp. Attending the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science has granted her many more opportunities to do so. At this school, she receives the best education possible for high schoolers in the Magnolia state while enriching her knowledge on cultural diversity. Jalexis aspires to enroll into Tulane University where she desires to attend the Tulane Accelerated Physician-Training Program and earn her medical degree. She plans to become a pediatric oncologist after attending medical school. She has yearned to be a doctor since the young age of three. Her love for children pushed her to-

wards the field of pediatrics and her grandmother's fight with cancer led to her interest and passion for oncology. It also instilled within her a strong determination to find a cure for cancer.

She pursues success in her everyday life by continuing to be an example and role model to her sisters: SaMaria, Cilyse, and London, and to be helpful in anyway she can while still achieving her goals day by day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Jalexis Evans for her educational achievements and dedication to other youths.

**HONORING THE WORLD WAR II
AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS
OF ILLINOIS**

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on June 8, 2016 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on June 8th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theater to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Harold C. Aichholzer, Donald G. Alpers, Sidney R. Anderson, George D. Aurand, O. Robert Baccega, Daniel T. Barker Sr., Richard W. Bernardini, Claude T. Bjork, Julien F. Bloom, Paul Bobolia, Anthony F. Boecker, Robert George Bollman, Joseph E. Borowiak, Richard H. Burns, Thomas Calhoun, Robert G. Callaghan, Libero F. Calzavara, Paul T. Carrano, Charles A. Clark, Fred P. Claussen, John Considine, Donald E. Cramer, Robert E. Cutts, Allan D. Danielson, Charles Joseph Doherty, Robert L. Drennen, William N. Drish, Sr., Milton L. Duehr, Richard Eldorado, Ronald K. Erickson, Jerry R. Forst, Jr., William F. Galambos, Robert M. Gerhold, William Gilkey, Lawrence L. Gurtowski, James Guzzaldo, Donald E. Hahn, Roy L. Halvorsen, Raymond A. Handley, Robert P. Havlik, Albert W. Hellwig, Frank J. Hochman, Robert J. Horn, George E. Jaffke, (Oury L. Johnson, Jr., Thomas L. Kelliher, James M. Kirk, John A. Kotan, Jr., Anthony J. Kowalczyk, Louis F. Kuelto, Jr., Donald Larsen, Ruel F. Lehman, Jr., Stuart Letchinger, Marvin Daniel Levy, Robert T. Lewandowski, Burton A. Lewis, John H. Lichter, Ronald F. Lotz, Joseph B. Lyznicki, Robert Magnuson, Frank Mangels, Raymond J. Manista, Sherwin Marks, Jon R.

Marshall, Melvin Mathias, Lloyd A. McCarthy, William P. Merci, Lloyd T. Millard, Joseph S. Musick, Richard S. Nadder, Michael J. Nannini, Leo J. Napolitano, George J. Nastav, Jack J. Nikoleit, Carl H. Nordeen, Joseph F. Pappalardo, Harry O. Parker, Roger L. Payne, Donald E. Pechous, Francis J. Pendergast, William L. Pierce, Eugene C. Piltaver, Waldo M. Pool, Robert P. Prible, John A. Quick, Robert Rodriguez, John J. Rogers, Norman J. Sachman, Paul Sanders, Robert W. Schaerer, Charles William Shepherd, Raymond Shlemon, Serio J. Siena, Robert Sinclair, Richard V. Skagen, Frank Slay, Richard J. Slomczynski, James Demetrios Sotirakos, John M. Spaulding, Francis D. Stammer, George R. Tamminga, William N. Tauber, Jack Tomaselli, Robert E. Turk, Robert J. Weinmeier, Michael Werner, Charles A. White, Jr., Melvin Williams, Jerome A. Wirkus, Francis A. Wroblewski, John C. Yoder.

IN MEMORY OF EDMONIA L. BROCK

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor the memory of a distinguished public servant and exemplary Christian lady, Mrs. Edmonia L. Brock. Mrs. Brock devoted her life to spreading the Gospel and faithfully serving her community through public service.

Mrs. Brock was born on September 3, 1918 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. At the age of five, she relocated to Houston where she would go on to graduate magna cum laude and as valedictorian of her class at Phyllis Wheatley High School. She completed her education in the field of nursing.

Mrs. Brock married Robert L. Bogany with whom she had two children. In 1947, she would go on to marry Henry A. Brock and have four children in addition to Mr. Brock's other children.

Mrs. Brock would become the "Mother of the Church" and State Supervisor of the Women's Department at the New Day Deliverance Holiness Church until she passed away. Additionally, she was a licensed and appointed District Missionary who also served as the International Women's Supervisor and organizer for the Living Gospel Fellowship. She taught weekly Bible study at the Manda Ann Convalescent Home, served as Director of the Sunshine Choir, a Sunday School Teacher and assisted with the prison ministry.

In addition to her lifelong service in her community, across this nation and internationally, Mrs. Brock authored three books: "An Orphan's Triumph," "The Power of Prayer," and "The Book of Poems," for which she received numerous awards.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Edmonia L. Brock will be missed dearly by her surviving children, Henry Brock, Jr., Loretta Amos, Eddie Brock, and Charles Brock; 31 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, 28 great-great grandchildren; as well as her other family members and friends. May she rest in the peace she has earned through her life of service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 269, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

HONORING MS. TY'RIANNE PERRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ty'Rianne Perry.

Born Ty'Rianne Perry to great parents, Ty'Rianne has played a big part in community service and helping out her peers. She has participated in the breast cancer awareness walk. Ty'Rianne volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club once a month. She also tutors and mentors young children. She volunteers at the Golden Living Nursing Home where she plays games and reads stories to the patients.

Ty'Rianne is highly respected among friends. She speaks up for children and people who cannot speak up for themselves. She is very outspoken.

She also participates in a Blood Drive twice a year. Ty'Rianne loves helping others. She had the opportunity to participate in the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. She also went to Camp John Hay for selected teenagers who volunteered at Boys and Girls Club. Ty'Rianne has walked in the MLK March many times. She encourages everyone to make a difference in their community and get up and help out.

Mr. Speaker please help us to congratulate Ms. Ty'Rianne Perry for making a difference in her community.

SUPPORT FOR THE REGION OF TIBET

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a statement of my support for the region of Tibet. I have, during my tenure in the House of Representatives, been a strong supporter of the region of Tibet. There should be no divisiveness between political parties on the issue of Tibet and protecting their citizens from the repressions that they face around the world. Tibet is a unique region, and I hope that future actions in the House of Representatives will continue to support the Tibetan community in finding sustainable peaceful solutions.

The repression of Tibetans around the world has prompted the United States to take action to protect Tibetan citizens in their constant struggle for religious and cultural freedom. That is why in June of last year, Representative LOFGREN and I introduced the Tibetan Refugee Assistance Act, which would provide visas to Tibetan refugees.

Our bill would address the plight of Tibetan citizens who have been displaced from their

homes for a multitude of reasons, and would be an incredibly useful step in the right direction for future relations between Tibet and the United States. The bill would provide 3,000 immigrant visas over a three-year period to Tibetan citizens who have been displaced.

I first traveled to India and met His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 2008, and it is an experience that I surely will never forget. The unique privilege of meeting with the head of state and spiritual leader of Tibet was one that led me to an even greater appreciation of Tibet, and brought me to first introduce legislation in 2008 supporting Tibetan refugees.

Eight years later we look at the same issue. This is not a new problem, as the epidemic has been occurring for years. We hope to make significant progress to aid many of these displaced Tibetans who have yet to free themselves from the rule of the Chinese government.

On behalf of the 5th District of Wisconsin, I welcome His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the United States and ask for continued perseverance from my colleagues on this issue. I hope to find a peaceful and manageable solution for the region of Tibet.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on the Question of Consideration of the Resolution, the Rule for H.R. 5325, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017 (Roll Call Number 283), I would have voted "no."

Had the question failed, Rep. Castro would have been able to offer his bill H.R. 3785, Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act. H.R. 3785 would strike the term "illegal alien" from federal law and replace it with the term "undocumented foreign national." Rep. Castro offered an amendment in Rules Committee to H.R. 5325, which was not made in order, that would reverse House Republican language restricting the Librarian of Congress from implementing changes to subject headings from "illegal alien" to "undocumented immigrant."

I support the Library of Congress's decision to no longer use the subject heading "illegal alien" and instead use "noncitizens" and "unauthorized immigration." The phrase "illegal alien" is offensive and dehumanizing to many, and I support the Library's thoughtful decision.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF NEVADA

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada.

Since 1966, the ACLU of Nevada has continuously worked to defend the civil rights and civil liberties of all Nevadans through public advocacy, litigation, and education.

The many dedicated board members, directors, volunteers, and staff over the years have made it an exceptional organization of critical importance to our state. I would like to thank current Executive Director Tod Story for his leadership and tireless work on behalf of the ACLU and people of Nevada.

I would also like to recognize the 50th anniversary celebration honorees: Jan Jones Blackhurst, Paula Francis, Colin Seale, Sheila Leslie, and Richard Siegel. Thank you for being champions of democracy and for your years of service to Nevada promoting justice, free speech, individual rights, and progressive leadership.

Congratulations on 50 years of great work. Thank you for your contributions to our community, and here's to 50 more years defending the rights and liberties of Nevadans. Count on me to be your friend and advocate in Washington.

HONORING MS. NETTIE JACKSON
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Nettie Jackson who has dedicated her life to helping folks live healthier lives. Ms. Jackson is retiring today after 25 years of service at the American Heart Association.

Her list of accomplishments is long, including 12 years of participation in my annual health fair. She has been involved in key legislation in Georgia including the Georgia Smoke Free Act and the Automated Defibrillator Public Access Law. She's been involved in lowering the instances and causes of strokes by bringing in National Ambassadors for the Organization for the Power to End Stroke Cause Initiative, facilitating the AHA/ASA First Power Awards in Atlanta, and leading receptions to bring Power to End Stroke Ambassadors together from all over the Southeast United States. She helped coordinate the "Straight From The Heart: Sister To Sister Conference", and Walking for Wellness hosted at Spelman College among other conferences and workshops for healthcare professionals.

She has been recognized for her outstanding work with several awards including: NAACP State Conference Woman of Distinction, Concerned Black Clergy Community Service Award, Morehouse School of Medicine Inaugural Torch Awards, Georgia Ethnic Health Network Advocacy Award, Georgia Secretary of State Outstanding Citizen Award and the American Heart Association's Rome Betts Award which is the National Staff of Excellence Award. She will be missed by the many people whose lives she has touched, but her retirement is certainly well earned.

I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Nettie Jackson for her many great works and to wish her a wonderful retirement.

HONORING MAYOR RAMSAY

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of one of Monroe County's most respected and decent public servants. Richard "Dick" Ramsay, a former Marathon mayor and city councilman, small-business owner and airplane pilot, passed away on June 2nd at the age of 74.

A true visionary that worked tirelessly to better his community, Mayor Ramsay played a pivotal role in the incorporation of Marathon, FL. He possessed a genuine passion for the Florida Keys, passion that was reflected in his dedication to public service.

When Dick moved to Marathon, he purchased Surfside gas station near the Vaca Cut Bridge. Upon retirement is when Dick decided to become active with municipal issues.

Dick's contributions to Marathon are both significant and extensive. He served three two-year terms on the City Counsel and expressed great interest in issues concerning Marathon Florida Keys International Airport. One of his many successful projects was the newly installed U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility, which now allows international flights to clear U.S. Customs in Marathon for the first time in decades.

Beloved by his family, his friends, and his community, Dick Ramsay will be dearly missed by all. I am honored to have been able to call him my friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Ramsay family and the Florida Keys for the loss of such an active and caring member of the community.

CELEBRATING LGBT PRIDE MONTH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the continued struggle for LGBT equality as we celebrate National LGBT Pride Month this month.

I am, and will continue to be, an ally of the LGBT community in its fight for a more equal and just future. LGBT rights are human rights and our diversity of identities and experiences makes us a stronger and more dynamic nation.

I remember just 20 years ago standing in the House chamber voicing my strong opposition to and voting against the Defense of Marriage Act. A lot has changed since that vote, and marriage equality is now the law of the land.

Despite that progress, LGBT individuals are still marginalized and discriminated against every day. And so our fight for equality continues. A couple weeks ago, I visited Highland Park, in my district, the 6th District of New Jersey, where the Board of Education unanimously voted for a policy ensuring transgender rights. The new policy—one of the strongest and most inclusive policies in the country—protects transgender students' privacy and allows all students to access school bathrooms, locker rooms, and programs based

on their affirmed gender. I am proud to represent such an inclusive and accepting community.

So as we in Congress work to pass critical legislation—such as the Equality Act, which would include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes in much of our civil rights legislation—to promote a more equal society, I will continue to recognize the voices and people in the towns and cities I represent, who fight hard every day to build more open and accepting neighborhoods and communities.

I stand with the LGBT community in New Jersey—and across the country—in celebrating diversity and equality and in reaffirming the commitment to secure a future free of irrational fear, prejudice, and discrimination.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably detained on June 8th, and I was not present for Roll call number 276. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 7, I missed Roll Call Votes 269 through 272 due to my necessary attendance in my district attending to representational duties. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 269, I would have voted yes. (H. Con. Res. 129—Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to through a financial commitment to address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims)

On Roll Call 270, I would have voted yes. (H.R. 4906—To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes (Rep. CONNOLLY—Oversight and Government Reform))

On Roll Call 271, I would have voted yes. (H.R. 4904—Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016 (Rep. CARTWRIGHT—Oversight and Government Reform))

On Roll Call 272, I would have voted yes. (H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act (Rep. HARDY—Natural Resources))

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2016, while I was in an office meeting, the legislative signal bells in my office malfunctioned due to a loose electrical connection, and neither I nor my staff accompanying me knew that a vote had been called. The Architect of the Capitol's Electrical Engineering Branch later repaired the signal bells.

If present, I would have voted "no" on H. Res. 735.

CONCERNS ABOUT TURKISH CIVIL SOCIETY**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of concern for the welfare of

one of our most important NATO allies; the Republic of Turkey. I need not remind this House that Turkey is an indispensable ally in the fight against ISIL, and the effort to restore stability in the Middle East. Nor do I need to remind the members of this body that Turkey bears a burden of biblical proportions as it struggles to safely host almost three million refugees while simultaneously defending against an unprecedented wave of terror attacks. The geopolitical vicissitudes in Turkey's vicinity present the most serious challenge to Turkish territorial integrity since the founding of the Republic.

However, history has consistently shown that great civilizations do not fall to outside forces unless they are rife with internal turmoil. Under its current leadership, Turkey has regrettably embarked in a troubling direction. Once considered the shining example of a vibrant democracy with the potential to mediate between the Middle East and West, crack-downs on civil society under President Erdogan have forced many of us to reassess the nature of our countries' partnership. Repressive policies against political opposition, journalists, and women rights advocates constitute just a few of these concerns. Questionable use of antiterrorism laws to molest finan-

cial institutions, corporations, and academics associated with political opposition such as the Gulen movement raise concerns about Turkey's continued commitment to democratic principles. In a robust republic, civic organizations such as the Gulen movement cannot and should not be designated as terrorist organizations without evidence for the sake of political expediency.

There can be no doubt about America's continued commitment to defend our NATO allies; nor can we forget the substantial military buildup in Armenia, where Putin has deployed advanced fighter aircraft and attack helicopters just 25 miles from the Turkish border. This is the same NATO border that Russian military aircraft have regularly violated, culminating in the downing of a Russian bomber by Turkish defense forces. However, we must not forget the prerequisite requirements to be a member of the NATO alliance; that each member of the alliance be "determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law." It is my hope that President Erdogan's administration will remember this commitment to democratic principles even in the face of regional instability.